GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS
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National Anti-Doping Agency
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Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of anti-doping awareness programmes being undertaken by the National Anti-Doping Agency (NADA) for spreading awareness against doping among the people connected with various sports in the country;
(b) whether the Government proposes to include a lesson on the topic of anti-doping in the subject at the school level for the purpose and if so, the details thereof;
(c) whether NADA had suspended some Indian players from participating in the Olympics-2016 and if so, the details thereof;
(d) whether the Government is aware that the doping cases have been increasing over the years and if so, the details thereof along with the reasons therefor; and
(e) the steps taken/being taken by the Government to discourage the sportspersons from taking resort to such doping methods?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS
(SHRI VIJAY GOEL)
(a) NADA has launched the "Program for Education and Awareness on Anti-Doping in Sports" (PEADS) with an objective to deal with the fight against doping across the country. The programme is being conducted at various places across the country during sports events/training sessions at SAI centres/SAI training centres, Physical Education Colleges/Universities, State Sports Associations and Services Sports Control Boards, etc. The details of the Anti Doping Awareness Programme conducted by NADA for the period April-Oct, 2016 is annexed at 'A'.
(b) There is no such proposal at present.
(c) Three (03) sportspersons who qualified for Rio Olympics 2016 were found positive for the presence of prohibited substances in urine samples collected by NADA prior to Olympics Games 2016.
The details are given below: -
<pre>S. No.
Name of athlete/sports discipline
Remarks
1.
Mr. Narsingh Yadav, Wrestling
The Court of Arbitration (CAS), Switzerland rendered a sanction of four years ineligibility on wrestler.
2.
Mr. Dharmbir Singh, Athletics-200 M
The Anti Doping Disciplinary Panel rendered a sanction of eight years and one day ineligibility on athlete.
3.
Mr. Inderjeet Singh, Athletics -shotput
Case is underway before the Anti Doping Disciplinary Panel for adjudication.</pre>
(d) The number of athletes who tested positive over the last few years is as under:-
<pre>S. No
Subject
2010
2011
2012
2013
2014
2015
1
Positive Cases
123
116
119
96
95
120</pre>
Reasons for doping include lack of awareness among athletes about doping and its consequences and availability of prohibited substances in the market.
(e) National Anti Doping Agency (NADA) regularly informs Sports Authority of India (SAI) as well as National Sports Federations (NSFs) about the doping incidence and measures for its control. In addition, NADA will assist SAI and NSF to organize anti doping awareness sessions for the athletes and other support personnel with an aim to educate athletes regarding harmful effects of consuming banned drugs.

In addition to 'PEADS', the anti-doping brochures/information has been got translated and printed by NADA in 14 different languages viz. Hindi, English, Punjabi, Tamil, Telugu, Kannada, Malayalam, Bengali, Assamese, Gujarati, Marathi, Oriya, Kashmiri and Manipuri to ensure the best communication of anti-doping messages to the athlete groups belonging to various parts of India.
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